(a) whether the Union Government have received reports about casualties during Oral Pulse Polio campaign held recently in the country specially in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the details and corrective measures taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Casualties due to administration of Oral Polio Vaccine during Pulse Polio Immunization have not been reported so far. The newspaper report regarding deaths after Pulse Polio Immunisation in a village in West Bengal was investigated by the State Government and was found not to be related to administration of Oral Polio Vaccine.

(b) Does not arise.

Ezhimala Naval Academy

267. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI T. GOVINDAN :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent of work that has been completed on the Naval Academy at Ezhimala;

(b) the quantum of money allocated and spent hitherto on the project so far; and

(c) the steps taken to complete the work during the current year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) The civil works regarding renovation and addition/alteration of the existing buildings etc. have commenced. The electricity, water, roads and dredging to be provided by the State Government of Kerala is in the final stages of completion.

(b) The approved cost of the project is Rs. 166.94 crores and a sum of Rs. 244.07 lakhs has been spent till date.

(c) Naval Academy Project, Ezhimala is planned to be executed over a period of 8 years from 1995 to 2002.

A.P. School Health Project

268. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Overseas Development Administration has decided to stop assistance to Andhra Pradesh School Health Project because of "non performance" on the part of the State Administration; and

(b) if so, the main reasons for not implementing the project efficiently ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Population Growth in A.P.

269. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has registered a slight drop in fertility rate but has not prevented its population touching eight crores;

(b) if so, whether the present birth rate compounded by the tender age of women at marriage has been the cause of population increase in the State;

(c) if so, whether the present rapid growth of population will have serious implications on socio-economic development;

(d) if so, whether the family planning programme in the State has also not been fully implemented;

(e) if so, whether the Union Government have directed the State Government to fully implement family planning programme and have also decided to allocate more funds for the purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The Total Fertility Rate for Andhra Pradesh has declined from 4.0 in 1981 to 3.0 in 1991 and further declined to 2.7 in 1995, as per data from Sample Registration System. The estimated population for 1996 is 72.16 million.

(b) to (f) The rate of growth of population in Andhra Pradesh is much lower than national average. All States are given funds according to approved pattern of assistance. All States are also advised from time to time to improve their performance.

Expenditure on Celebrations of Republic Day

270. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on the celebrations of Republic Day;

(b) the amount earned on account of sale of tickets, advertisement etc. for the purpose; and

(c) the steps, the Government propose to take to minimise the expenditure on such celebrations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Republic Day Celebrations are held all over the country. The arrangements in this regard are made by the concerned Central Ministries/ Departments, State Governments, Union Territory Administrations, Public Sector Undertakings, local bodies and other agencies. As the details of expenditure on various items borne by the concerned agencies, are not collected and exhibited under one head, it is not possible to assess the amount spent on the celebrations of Republic Day.

(b) The amount collected on account of sale of tickets for the Republic Day Parade and Beating Retreat ceremony this year in New Delhi is Rs. 9,57,399.00 paise. No amount was earned on account of advertisement etc.

(c) Each agency while incurring expenditure in connection with the Republic Day Celebrations is expected to observe normal economy precautions to keep the expenditure to the minimum.

Budget of United Nations

271. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the approved budget of United Nations for the years 1995 and 1996 and actual income and expenditure during the year 1995 in US dollars;

(b) the total arrears on account of Member's regular contribution as on December 31, 1995;

(c) the names of ten Member-States, which were top defaulters with outstanding dues against them and arrears, if any; and

(d) the steps taken for collecting the arrears during 1996 ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) The approved regular budget of United Nations for the biennium 1994-95 was US $ 2,608, 274,400 and for the biennium 1996-97 is US $ 2,608, 274,000. The actual expenditure for the year 1995 under the regular budget amounted to US $ 1.396 billion.

(b) The total amount outstanding to the United Nations towards contributions by Member States as of July, 1996 stands at US $ 2.925 billion.

(c) The list of ten Member States which were top defaulters with outstanding dues against them, as on June 30, 1996, is annexed as Statement.

(d) The United Nations Secretariat has initiated several steps to obtain the outstanding amount from the Member States, including, inter alia, appeal by the United Nations Secretary General to the Member States; appeal by the President of the UN General Assembly to the Heads of Government of countries in arrears; and establishment of an Open-Ended High Level Working Group to deal with various aspects of the financial situation of the United Nations.

Statement

Amounts owed by Member States to the United Nations as on June 30, 1996

Name of the Country		Amount (in US $)
1		2
1.	United States of America	1,576,003,208
2.	Russian Federation	375,624,481
3.	Ukraine	245,097,702
4.	Belarus	62,830,156
5.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	26,224,906
6.	Brazil	25,121,021
7.	Venezuela	16,804,513
8.	Yugoslavia	15,832,867
9.	Poland	15,675,003
10.	Kazakhstan	13,453,916

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

272. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) since when the Mid-day Meal Scheme has been introduced in each State and Union Territory;

(b) the progress made in regard to this scheme, State-wise;

(c) the names of places where this scheme is being implemented alongwith the names of places where it has not been implemented properly, State-wise;

(d) the total amount of funds allocated for this purpose and the total amount utilised out of this so far, State-wise;

(e) whether any State Government has objected to the implementation of this scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE), commonly known as Mid-day Meal Scheme was launched in the country on 15th August, 1995. All States and UTs have been covered by the scheme. In 1996-97, the programme is being implemented in 4426 blocks in 475 districts of the country.

Under the Programme, funds are released to the Food Corporation of India which supplies foodgrains to the States/UTs free of cost. A sum of Rs. 441.17 crore was released in 1995-96 and Rs. 506.59 crore have been released during 1996-97 to the Food Corporation of India. Information regarding allocation and lifting of foodgrains by States/UTs during 1995-96 is given in the attached Statement.

(e) This Department has not received any such objection.

(f) Does not arise.